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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002, for which a one month time extension is requested to extend the period set for response to February 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 8, line 10-20, please replace this paragraph with the following:

--The receiving face 26 has, at its center, a hollow 26a for insertion of the protrusion 40a (see Fig. 7) of the contact base 40. The protrusion 40a of the contact base 40 is inserted into the hollow 26a to touch the bottom face of the hollow 26a at one point. In this state, the contact base 40 is in contact with the receiving face 26 through the protrusion 40a only. Therefore, the contact base 40 is swingable around the touching point as the